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SUBJ: CSCE: SUB-COMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY (CBM'S);
MILITARY MOVEMENTS ISSUE

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1. USSR REP ON MILITARY SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE (STASHEVSKI)
ASKED TO MEET WITH US REP FOLLOWING FEB 11 MEETING AND
INFORMED HIM THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE MAKING MAJOR STATEMENT
AT NEXT MEETING FEB 13 CRITICIZING UK DRAFT CBM RESOLUTION.
STASHEVSKI SAID SOVIETS WOULD IN PARTICULAR ATTACK DRAFT'S
TREATMENT OF ISSUE OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS. HE SAID IT WAS
MOSCOW'S IMPRESSION THAT USG SHARED SOVIET VIEWS ON MOVEMENTS
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QUESTION BUT THAT SOVIETS HAD NOTED THAT US DEL HAD

SO FAR REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY COMMENTS ON UK DRAFT. HE EXPLAINED THAT SOVIET DEL DID NOT LIKE TO BE ALONE IN CRITICIZING THIS ASPECT OF THE DRAFT AND THEREFORE PLANNED TO REITERATE AT THE FEB 13 MEETING THEIR EARLIER QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER US WOULD BE PREPARED GIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS OF ITS OWN FORCES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC TO EUROPE. US REP THANKED SOVIETS FOR INFORMING US IN ADVANCE OF THEIR PLANS AND REITERATED, AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, THAT USG CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ISSUE OF MOVEMENTS.

2. WE BELIEVE BEST WAY TO DEFLECT SOVIET QUESTION ON MOVEMENTS WOULD BE TO RESPOND AT FEB 13 MEETING, WITHOUT ANY DELAY THAT MIGHT BE REVEALING, THAT THIS IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS,ISSUES AND PROPOSALS THAT USG, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS, IS STILL STUDYING. WE THINK THIS RESPONSE, WHICH WE WOULD INTEND USE ON FEB 13, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, ACCORDS WITH REFTEL'S GUIDANCE THAT WE SHOULD AVOID EXPRESSING OUR DISAGREEMENT WITH ALLIES ON MOVEMENTS ISSUE WHILE AT SAME TIME REASSURING SOVIETS THAT WE STILL ENDORSE THE HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS POINT. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO UK AND FRG REPS THAT WE MIGHT HAVE TO REPLY ALONG THESE LINES IF DIRECTLY QUESTIONED AGAIN BY THE USSR, AND NEITHER OBJECTED. WE WOULD PLAN TO ALERT THEM AGAIN TO THIS CONTINGENCY PRIOR TO FEB 13 MEETING WITHOUT, HOWEVER, REVEALING SOVIETS' PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH US.DALE

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